

The bill reported by Mr. Merrick, chairman of the committee on ways and means, entitled, an act to lessen the use of ardent spirits, was taken up for consideration,

On motion of Mr. Brookhart, said bill was amended, by striking out in the second section third line, the word 'twenty' and inserting in lieu thereof, the word 'ten,'

Mr. Richardson moved further to amend said section by striking out in the same line, the word 'persons,' and inserting in lieu thereof, the word 'householders,'

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Weems, said bill was amended by inserting after the word 'vicinity,' in the fourth line second section, the following, 'provided any complaint shall have been made to the clerk, of his keeping a disorderly house, or dealing improperly,'

Mr Pratt moved to strike out the second section of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof, the following,

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any Clerk in any county in this State, to issue a license to any person or persons who shall be hereafter convicted upon the presentation of a grand jury of such county, of keeping a disorderly house—or who shall be convicted of dealing improperly with negroes.

Which was read.

Mr. Brookhart moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill,

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the amendment as proposed by Mr. Pratt,

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Ely moved to reconsider the vote of the house, upon the second section,

Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Ely, said second section was amended by adding at the end thereof, the following, 'except upon the direction of the county court of said county, or if in the city of Baltimore, Baltimore city court,'

On motion of Mr. Pratt, the fourth section of said bill was stricken out,

Mr. Richardson moved to amend said bill, by adding at the end thereof as an additional section, the following,

And be it enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons obtaining license under the provisions of this act, to open or erect any temporary booth, shanty, or other establishment, for the sale of spirituous liquors, on or along